Lacunae in Persons with Disabilities Act

687. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many lacunae in the provisions for Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995;

(b) whether it is a fact that many categories of disabled persons are not covered in the Act; and

(c) if so, the action taken to rectify the deficiency?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) In the last ten years of implementation of the Act, number of suggestions for improvement including the clauses relating to definitions have been received. Amendment to the Act would be taken up in consultation with the civil society and other stakeholders after the UN Convention on the rights of person with disabilities is ratified by India.

Scheme for upliftment of disabled

688. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plans and programmes for upliftment of disabled in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of funds allocated during the last three years under these schemes, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The details are available in the Annual Report and also on the website of the Ministry at www.socialjustice.nic.in

(c) The Scheme-wise details of funds allocated during the last three years are given in the Statement (*See* below). However, the funds are not allocated State-wise.

Statement

Scheme-wise details of funds allocated during the last three years

(Rupees in crore)

Sl. No.	Scheme	Allocation of Funds (BE + NE)		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4	5
1.	National Institute for Orthopaedically Handicapped, Kolkata	3.00	4.50	4.50
2.	National Institute for Visually Handicapped, Dehradun	6.50	6.05	5.50
3.	National Institute for Hearing Handicapped, Mumbai	7.50	9.00	10.00
4.	National Institute for Rehabilitation, Training and Research, Cuttack	7.00	6.25	6.25
5.	Institute for Physically Handicapped, New Delhi	3.00	2.50	2.00
6.	National Institute for Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad	8.50	9.50	11.00
7.	National Institute for Multiple Handicapped, Chennai	1.00	1.00	6.50
8.	Spinal Injury Centre	3.50	3.50	3.50
9.	Rehabilitation Council of India	3.00	3.00	3.00
10.	Employment of Handicapped	2.00	2.00	0.01
11.	National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation	10.00	11.00	11.00
12.	Scheme for Implementation for Persons with Disability Act, 1995	6.75	31.00	25.34
13.	Technology Development Projects in the Mission Mode	1.80	2.00	2.00

1	2	3	4	5
14.	Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme	75.00	90.00	90.00
15.	Aids and Appliances for the Handicapped	55.00	67.00	67.00
16.	Technology Centre for Visual Hearing and Orthopaedically Disabled Persons	0.00	0.00	1.00
17.	Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation	1.00	0.00	0.00
18.	UNDP Assistance to Support to Children with Disabilities	1.00	0.30	0.00
19.	College of Rehabilitation Sciences	1.00	1.00	0.00
	TOTAL:	196.55	249.60	248.60

Monetary Incentives for inter-caste marriages

689. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to increase the monetary incentives to encourage inter-caste marriages;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had asked the State Government to increase the incentives; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) The Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment addressed the Chief Ministers on 28.02.2006 to consider increase in the incentive amount for inter-caste marriages to Rs. 50,000/- of which 50% would be by way of central assistance, as inter caste marriages are an effective instrument of combating the evil practice of casteism. The Governments of Haryana and Rajasthan have since increased the incentive amount to Rs. 50,000/-.